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## 2004 NSW Regional Profiles

### 2004 NSW REGIONAL PROFILES

The **2004 NSW Regional Profile** will be released in early 2004. The Profile presents data on a range of areas of interest, including population; social characteristics; families; health;

education; labour force; income and housing; economy; crime; and transport. Most of the data is presented by Local Government Area. If you would like more information about the 2004 NSW Regional Profiles, or you would like to be notified when they become available, contact Mark Harding by email at [mark.harding@abs.gov.au](mailto:mark.harding@abs.gov.au).

## General Social Survey

### GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEY

**General Social Survey: Summary Results, Australia, 2002** (cat. no. 4159.0.55.001) will be released on 18 December 2003. A new survey, The General Social Survey (GSS) brings together information across areas of social concern, to provide insight into the relationships between various social and economic characteristics. Topics include: health; housing; education; work; income; financial stress; broad assets and liabilities; transport; family and community; and crime. NSW versions of tables presented in the publication will become available in January 2004, and a GSS Users' Guide (cat. no. 4159.0.55.002) will become available in February 2004. Both will be available from the ABS web site. For further information contact Graeme Groves on (02) 6252 5943, email: [graeme.groves@abs.gov.au](mailto:graeme.groves@abs.gov.au).

## Children and Youth Statistics

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH STATISTICS

In 2003, the ABS created a **National Children and Youth Statistics Unit** (NCYSU) in response to the need for a statistical evidence base to support community and government policy relating to children and youth. The NCYSU's objectives include: maintaining dialogue with key stakeholders about emerging issues, data gaps and needs; developing statistical products relating to children and youth; providing statistical leadership regarding children and youth statistics. The NCYSU is guided by an Advisory Group comprising ABS and non-ABS representatives. For further information contact Carrington Shepherd on (08) 9360 5255, email: [carrington.shepherd@abs.gov.au](mailto:carrington.shepherd@abs.gov.au).

In November, the NCYSU launched the **Children and Youth Theme Page** on the ABS web site. The theme page provides information on key ABS data sources, and relevant non-ABS sources. The NCYSU newsletter details recent developments in children and youth statistics. The Theme Page can be accessed through the ABS web site by selecting 'Themes' from the navigator bar, then clicking on 'Children and Youth' under the 'People' sub-heading.

## Australian Census Analytic Program

## AUSTRALIAN CENSUS ANALYTIC PROGRAM

**Counting the Homeless**, 2001 (cat. no. 2050.0) was released in November 2003, and a corrigendum was released in December. The publication contains findings of the first of eight research projects recently undertaken within the Australian Census Analytic Program (ACAP). ACAP is a collaborative venture, between the ABS and several of Australia's leading academics and social science researchers, that is geared toward practical policy development. It aims to demonstrate the power of Census data to significantly increase understanding of Australia's social, cultural and economic environment. Findings of the remaining seven research projects will be released over the coming six months. For further information, use the 'Census Update' link on the **Census Theme Page** of the ABS web site.

## National Health Survey: Injuries Australia

### NATIONAL HEALTH SURVEY: INJURIES AUSTRALIA

An estimated 11% of people from NSW reported being injured in the four weeks leading up to the National Health Survey in 2001. According to figures published in **National Health Survey: Injuries, Australia** (cat. no. 4384.0) in November, this was the lowest rate of recent injury among all States and the ACT. Western Australia reported the highest percentage of injuries in the four weeks before the survey (14%). Patterns of injury in NSW varied by age group, with 15 to 24 year olds experiencing the highest level of injury (18%). Injury statistics for NSW are available upon request by contacting the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

## Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas, 2001

### SOCIO-ECONOMIC INDEXES FOR AREAS, 2001

The **Census of Population and Housing: Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas** (SEIFA), 2001 was released in November, 2003. The product provides information and rankings to facilitate assessment of the welfare of Australian communities. A wide range of geographic areas can be derived, the smallest being Collection Districts. SEIFA 2001 is available as a 'standalone' package in which index values can be calculated and exported to spreadsheets or other packages, and is also available as an 'Add-On' module for CDATA 2001, making use of CDATA's table, map and graph creation capabilities. There is a SEIFA 2001 product for Australia, and one for each of the States and Territories. For further information contact Philip Mitchell on (02) 6252 5934, email: [philip.mitchell@abs.gov.au](mailto:philip.mitchell@abs.gov.au).

## Australia in Profile - A Regional Analysis, 2001

## AUSTRALIA IN PROFILE - A REGIONAL ANALYSIS 2001

The 2001 edition of **Australia in Profile - a Regional Analysis** (cat. no. 2032.0) will be released in January 2004. The publication draws on small area data from the 2001 Census of Population and Housing to provide an analysis of a range of social issues including population change and distribution, cultural diversity, living arrangements, education, employment and unemployment, income and living standards, and housing. The analysis is supported by tables, graphs and SEIFA data. An added feature in this edition is two case studies of individual regions, showing how census data can be drawn together to describe the characteristics of an area. For further information contact Chris Mason on (02) 6252 6214, email: [chris.mason@abs.gov.au](mailto:chris.mason@abs.gov.au).

## Use of Information Technology

### USE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**Household Use of Information Technology, Australia, 2001–02** (cat. no. 8146.0) was released in September 2003. During the period from 2001 to 2002, Internet use rose 4% points to 58% of adults, for both NSW and Australia. In the same period, Australians more than doubled the amount they spent on Internet shopping, spending more than \$4 billion in 2002. For further information contact Michael Robertson on (02) 6252 5189, email: [michael.robertson@abs.gov.au](mailto:michael.robertson@abs.gov.au).

## Remote Access Data Laboratory

### REMOTE ACCESS DATA LABORATORY

The ABS **Remote Access Data Laboratory** (RADL) was formally launched in Canberra on 4 November. The RADL is an online data query service that provides access to the most detailed datasets available from the ABS, Confidentialised Unit Record Files (CURFs). CURF datasets are confidentialised by removing name and address information, controlling the amount of detail and changing a small number of values, so that survey respondents cannot be identified. The RADL provides access to basic CURFs previously released on CD-ROM, as well as expanded datasets from the 2001 National Health Survey, the 2001 Census and the 1997 Time Use Survey. Expanded datasets from other ABS surveys will be available in future. For further information, use the 'Access to ABS CURFs' page on the ABS web site or email: [curf.management@abs.gov.au](mailto:curf.management@abs.gov.au).

## Lending Finance

## **LENDING FINANCE**

A different method of seasonal adjustment will be used in **Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia** (cat. no. 5609.0) and **Lending Finance, Australia** (cat. no. 5671.0) from their October 2003 issues. The forward factor approach used up until now will be replaced by the concurrent adjustment method. A note showing the impacts of the changed methodology on the series in these publications is now available on the ABS website (click on AusStats). Furthermore, table eight of 5671.0 includes seasonally adjusted and trend series data for all components of housing finance, for the first time, from August 2003. For more information contact Darren Page (02) 6252 6731, email: [darren.page@abs.gov.au](mailto:darren.page@abs.gov.au).

## **Environmental Issues**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

**Environmental Issues: People's Views and Practices** (cat. no. 4602.0) was released on 26 November 2003. The publication presents results of a survey on household waste management practices, transport use and motor vehicle ownership and maintenance. In March 2003, 96% of NSW households recycled or re-used wastes. NSW was the state with the highest proportion of people using public transport to travel to work or study (18%). The main reasons cited for this were not owning a motor vehicle (32%) and parking problems (30%). For further information contact Apolonio Basilio on (02) 6252 7433, email: [apolonio.basilio@abs.gov.au](mailto:apolonio.basilio@abs.gov.au).

## **Revision of Standard Australian Classification of Countries**

### **REVISION OF STANDARD AUSTRALIAN CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTRIES**

The **Standard Australian Classification of Countries** (cat. no. 1269.0) has been revised to reflect changes in the countries of South-Eastern Europe. Revision 2.02 of the classification specifies changes in the classification and coding indexes arising from the dissolution of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and its replacement with the state of 'Serbia and Montenegro'. For further information, or to obtain a copy of a paper which explains the changes in more detail, please contact Rosa Gibbs on (02) 6252 7805, email: [rosa.gibbs@abs.gov.au](mailto:rosa.gibbs@abs.gov.au).

## **Statistical Training**

### **STATISTICAL TRAINING**

The ABS NSW Statistical Consultancy provides a range of statistical training courses throughout the year. Courses have finished for this year but will recommence in March 2004. Courses offered are: Introduction to Statistics; Turning Data Into Information; Basic Survey Design; Introduction to Sampling Techniques; Analysing Survey Data Made Simple; Principles of Questionnaire Design; Understanding Demographic Data; and Making Quality Informed Decisions. Training courses can also be tailored to meet specific organisational needs. For more information contact the Training Coordinator on (02) 9268 4653, email: [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au).

## Australia's Population

### AUSTRALIA'S POPULATION

On 4 December, Australia's population is estimated to have reached 20,000,000.

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### SPREAD THE NEWS ELECTRONICALLY

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2. Go to the ABS Web site. Choose News from the menu bar, then go to Newsletters. You can access current and previous copies of **Statistics News NSW**, as well as many other ABS newsletters.

## Selected Releases September to November 2003

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### SELECTED RELEASES SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2003

To order ABS publications please contact the  
ABS National Information & Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

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1001.0	Australian Bureau of Statistics - Annual Report, 2002-03 <b>Free</b>
1002.0	Australian Statistics Advisory Council - Annual Report 2002-03 <b>Free</b>
1216.0	Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) – Electronic Publication (\$50.00)

2015.0	Census of Population and Housing: Selected Social and Housing Characteristics, Australia, 2001 (Reissue) (\$37.00)
2039.0	Information Paper: Census of Population and Housing - Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas, Australia, 2001 (\$10.00)
2048.0 <b>New</b>	Census of Population and Housing: Ageing in Australia, 2001 (\$33.00)
2050.0 <b>New</b>	Australian Census Analytic Program: Counting the Homeless, 2001 (\$30.00)
2910.0	Directory of Census Statistics, 2001, Final <b>Free</b>
3101.0	Australian Demographic Statistics, March 2003 (\$24.00)
3222.0	Population Projections, Australia, 2002 to 2101 (\$42.00)
3301.0	Births, Australia, 2002 (\$29.00)
3310.0	Marriages and Divorces, Australia, 2002, Final (\$30.00)
4114.0	Attendance at Selected Cultural Venues and Events, Australia, 2002 (\$24.00)
4156.0	Sport and Recreation: A Statistical Overview, Australia, 2003 (\$34.00)
4384.0	National Health Survey: Injuries, Australia, 2001 (\$23.00)
4390.0	Private Hospitals, Australia, 2001-02 (\$23.00)
4713.0	Population Characteristics, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 2001 (\$38.00)
4810.0.55.001	Breastfeeding in Australia, 2001, Electronic Delivery (p.o.a.)
<b>New</b>	
4815.0.55.001	National Health Survey: Private Health Insurance, Australia, 2001 (p.o.a.)
<b>New</b>	
5220.0	Australian National Accounts: State Accounts, 2002-03 (\$28.00)
5501.0.55.001	Government Financial Estimates, Australia, 2003/04, Electronic Delivery (p.o.a.)
6206.0	Labour Force Experience, Australia, February 2003 (\$22.00)
8146.0	Household Use of Information Technology, Australia, 2001-02 (\$25.00)
8153.0	Internet Activity, Australia, March 2003 (\$21.00)

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## Selected Expected Releases December and January 2003

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### SELECTED EXPECTED RELEASES DECEMBER AND JANUARY 2003

Release dates for publications can be obtained from this web site.

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2024.0.30.001	Census of Population and Housing: CLIB2001, Australia, 2001 Final <b>Free</b>
2032.0	Census of Population and Housing: Australia in Profile - A Regional Analysis, Australia, 2001 (\$44.00)
2039.0.55.001	Census of Population and Housing: Socio-Economic Indexes for Area's (SEIFA), Australia - Technical Paper, 2001 (p.o.a.)
<b>New</b>	
3101.0	Australian Demographic Statistics, June 2003 (\$24.00)
3302.0	Deaths, Australia, 2002 (\$32.00)
3303.0	Causes of Death, Australia, 2002 (\$27.00)
4159.0 <b>New</b>	General Social Survey: Summary Results, Australia, 2002 (\$32.00)
4159.1.55.001	General Social Survey, New South Wales, 2002 (p.o.a.)
<b>New</b>	
4177.0	Participation in Sport and Physical Activities, Australia 2002 (\$22.00)
4715.0.55.001	National Health Survey (Indigenous): Expanded Data File, November 2001 (\$8000.00)
<b>New</b>	
4811.0 <b>New</b>	National Health Survey: Mental Health, Australia 2001 (\$25.00)
4812.0 <b>New</b>	Health Risk Factors, Australia 2001 (\$27.00)

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